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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/923,058

May 22, 2003

Dear Examiner:

I received an office action from you concerning application serial no. 09/923,058, date mailed May 7, 2003. Attached to the office action was a Form 1449 that I submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on February 12, 2003, and which you initialed to evidence your consideration of the references listed on the form.

However, I also submitted three other IDSs in this application on August 6, 2001, January 31, 2002, and February 20, 2003, each with their own Form 1449s, but initialed copies of those forms were not attached to the office action. Accordingly, and as per your recommendation relayed to my secretary by telephone,

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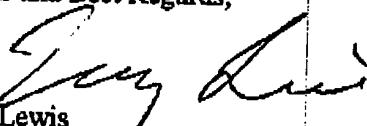
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I am faxing the all of the IDSs (i.e., all four of them) for your (re)consideration. We respectfully request that you consider the references listed on these four IDS forms and send us initialed form 1449s for all of them. If you can't locate the copies of the references I sent earlier with the IDSs, I would be glad to resend them at your request.

If in your (re)consideration of these references you wish to supplement or reconsider your May 7, 2003 office action, please let me know promptly and I will hold off in drafting a response to that office action.

We appreciate your assistance in assuring that the references listed on all of the submitted IDSs are considered and made of record in the case, and we look forward to receiving initialed copies of the Form 1449s for them. If it is convenient, you can fax the initialed 1449 forms to our fax number 713-787-1440 to my attention.

Thanks and Best Regards,



Terril Lewis

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